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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7264

INFO USDEL MBFR VIENNA

UNCLAS BUCHAREST 1767

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TDY ASSISTANCE

REF: BUCHAREST 1704, BUCHAREST 1379

1. AS STATED REFTEL B, LONDON CONFERENCE PERIOD OCCURS AT TIME WHEN WE HOPE THERE WILL BE LARGE INCREASE IN IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATIONS RELATING TO MFN RENEWAL. EVEN CURRENT LEVEL OF WORKLOAD IS SUCH THAT OUR PRESENT PERSONNEL RESOURCES, DEPLETED BY STAFF ON HOME LEAVE, WILL NEED TDY SUPPORT DURING PERIOD OF CONSUL PERKINS' ABSENCE IN LONDON.

2. WE HAVE INFORMALLY ASCERTAINED THAT FSO JONATHAN RICKERT, CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO MBFR DEL IN VIENNA, WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TDY ASSIGNMENT FOR PERIOD APRIL 12-16. RICKERT, WHO HAS BOTH CONSULAR EXPERIENCE IN BUCHAREST (MOST RECENTLY DURING PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT LAST SUMMER) AND EXCELLENT COMMAND OF ROMANIAN, WOULD BE IDEAL CANDIDATE. ALSO, GIVEN HIS PROXIMITY TO BUCHAREST COST TO USG FOR TDY ASSISTANCE WOULD BE GREATLY REDUCED.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S EARLY CONCURRENCE TO THIS PROPOSAL. WISH REITERATE WE ARE VERY LOW IN THE WATER AT PRESENT ON PERSONNEL AND BUSINESS IN THE CONSULAR SECTION, ALREADY BRISK, SHOWS EVIDENCE OF PICKING UP VERY SOON. (FYI: AMBASSADOR WAS INFORMED MARCH 31 BY RCP CC SECRETARY BOBU THAT TWO BATCHES OF EMIGRATION CASES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY COUNCIL OF STATE WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS.)

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